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My dear friend Garrison—

I write to thee to express my strong desire that thou should as soon as thou can conveniently visit Rhode-Island, and particularly the part of it where we reside. We want one or two of thy good addresses on slavery, in our village, feeling sure that they would do very much good; we want one of thy good visits at our home, that we might talk with thee about many things that we cannot write about; and we want thee to come to Rhode-Island. We know there is something in the matter between Rhode Island and Massachusetts Anti Slavery, and for this very reason we wish thee to come. We have not sympathized with Bro. and Lawtricket friends in their objections to the conduct of the ~~Massachusetts~~ Boston abolitionists, not having been able to see it in the same light that they have; yet, believing that there is good Anti Slavery in R. I. notwithstanding these errors, we wish very much that the unpleasant feelings which have arisen should be removed, and we think nothing would be so likely to do this, as occasional visits to this region of the Boston speakers, and particularly one from thee.



I proposed to Amaraney Paine that Providence friends should invite thee, and she was in favor of doing so, but others thought that<sup>as</sup> as they said, thou had refused to attend the R. I. meeting, they did not feel quite willing to invite <sup>that</sup> but Amaraney wished that I would invite thee, and she said they would get up a meeting for thee, if thou came, and would do their part with us toward paying thy expenses.

I wish to urge thee to come to Valley Falls. We can now have only the school-house for an anti-slavery meeting, the meeting-house being closed against us, but there is a free hall building which will soon be ready. The people here who are not under sectarian influence, are more than ever before ready to listen. There is a strong hatred in the church against everything Garrisonian, and I feel as thou nothing would do so much good as a visit from thy own self. We expect Parker Pillsbury next week, on his way to New-York, and if thou wilt come soon after, we shall be very glad. Do write to me how it will be. Give my love to thy wife and children and believe me truly thy friend

Elizabeth B. Chace.